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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE

SUBJECT: MORGAN'S ABDUCTION IN BEIRUT

1. FOLLOWING IS SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1300 JULY 10:
2. COLONEL MORGAN'S KIDNAPERS HAVE POSTPONED THE DEADLINE UNTIL 2100 HOURS (1400 EDT) SATURDAY, JULY 12 TO GIVE THE U.S. MORE TIME TO RESPOND TO THEIR DEMANDS. IN TWO COMMUNIQUEES EMBASSY BEIRUT RECEIVED VIA AFP JULY 10, THE KIDNAPERS SAY THEY MADE THEIR DECISION IN RESPONSE TO MORGAN'S PLEA AND APPEALS FROM "MORE THAN ONE QUARTER." THE COMMUNIQUEES ALSO DERIDE THE GOL, THE LEBANESE "PETTY BOURGEOIS" PARTIES AND THE PLO, WHICH THEY SAID SEES MORGAN'S CASE AS A MEANS TO REINFORCE "THE CHANNEL OPENED WITH THE AMERICANS."

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3. ON TWO TAPES ACCOMPANYING THE COMMUNIQUEES, WHICH HE

SAID WERE MADE JULY 8 AND 9, COL. MORGAN SAYS HE IS WELL  
TREATED BUT THAT HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER. MORGAN ASKS THAT  
HIS RACE AND COLOR NOT BE AN OBSTACLE TO A DECISION BY  
THE USG TO MEET THE "LEFTISTS'" DEMANDS BEFORE THE DEADLINE.  
HE SAYS THAT BY MEETING THE DEMANDS THE U.S. COULD REBUILD  
DEVASTATED AREAS FOR JUST THE COST OF A PHANTOM PLANE  
"THAT WE GIVE TO THE ISRAELIS ALMOST DAILY." INGERSOLL

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